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Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Immortal God, Your Name is great throughout the Earth. We thank You for the undeserved favor You give us each day.

Lord, You bless us with life, health, faith, hope, and love. You give us Your peace; great and marvelous are Your works.

Today, guide the Members of this body with Your wisdom. Keep them from adding to our Nation's problems, and help them to resolve to become part of the solutions. Make clear to them the path of duty, and lead them in the doing of Your will. Provide them with counsel to deal with complex challenges, and infuse them with divine discernment to accomplish Your purposes. Open to them doors of opportunity to bless others.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. At 2 p.m., we are going to begin the consideration of the minimum wage bill.

Last Thursday, prior to action being concluded on the ethics bill, Senator GREGG and I engaged in a colloquy on his plan to offer an amendment to the minimum wage bill which relates to enhanced rescissions. Some call it line-item veto. That amendment is expected to be offered today. Cloture will be filed on that amendment, as I told him I would do, setting up a cloture vote for Wednesday. I advise all Members that we may even do it sooner. It is up to Senator GREGG. We talked about that a little last week.

There will be no rollcall votes today. I expect we will have a vote prior to the caucuses tomorrow. Also, tomorrow evening is the State of the Union Address by President Bush. We will be in recess around 6 p.m. and will reassemble at 8:30 p.m. so that at 8:40 we can proceed to the House Chamber to receive the President's State of the Union Message.

I ask unanimous consent that during morning business today, Senator DORGAN be recognized for up to 30 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 6 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The leader is correct. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

AMENDMENT NO. 51, AS MODIFIED TO AMENDMENT NO. 3, TO S. 1

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 51, previously agreed to, to the bill S. 1 be modified with the technical modification which is at the desk. This is strictly a technical modification to allow for the proper placement of the amendment in the bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 51), as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit Members from requesting earmarks that may financially benefit that Member or immediate family member of that Member, and for other purposes)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

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